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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 AND § 1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, applicant submits for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

/ Documents 4, 8, 11, 12, 15, and 17-21, listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in a Search Report (copy attached) directed to a counterpart international or foreign application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☒ Within three months of the application filing date or before receipt of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
- ☐ After receipt of a first Office Action on the merits but before a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance.
 - ☐ A fee is required. A check in the amount of is enclosed.
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Applicant would appreciate the Examiner's initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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Dated: October 12, 1999

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